



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING FOR
THE WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONE PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in compliance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interested parties and the general public, that the City of Willits intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Willits Unified School District General Plan Amendment and Rezone Project (Project).

The IS/MND is available for review electronically on the City's website at: <https://cityofwillits.org/143/Planning-Documents>. The City of Willits will accept public comments on the IS/MND during a 30-day public review period between July 1 and July 31, 2020. Written comments must be sent to the City of Willits/Attn: Dusty Duley, 111 East Commercial Street Willits, CA 95490 or via email dduley@cityofwillits.org and received on or before July 31, 2020.

PROJECT LOCATION: 1277 Blosser Lane, Willits, Mendocino County, CA 95490 (APNs: 006-210-19; 006-210-26X)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes a General Plan amendment and rezone of approximately 5.68-acres inclusive of a 3.17-acre, flag shaped lot with frontage on Locust Street (APN 006-210-19) and a 2.51-acre portion of a 5.74-acre lot located at 1277 Blosser Lane (APN 006-210-26). The properties are currently vacant and are designated Industrial General (M-G) under the General Plan and Heavy Industrial (MH) under the Zoning Ordinance. The project proposes to amend the General Plan designation to Residential Medium Density (R-M) and rezone the properties to Residential Medium-Density (R2).

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits Unified School District submitted an application for a General Plan Amendment and Rezone, which the Planning Commission will consider and make a decision on the adequacy of the IS/MND and the merits of the proposed Project.

MEETING DATE/TIME: August 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION: City Council Chambers 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490 and/or conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 or any subsequent Order related to conducting the public meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City of Willits is currently conducting public meetings pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act and the way the public can participate during the public meetings. Participation in the public meeting will be allowed pursuant to applicable

Executive Orders at the time of the public meeting. Participation may be in person and/or by other electronic means as posted on the City Council meeting agenda for the August 12, 2020 regular meeting. These alternatives allow the City to adhere to social distancing requirements, follow the Governors' Executive Order N-29-20 and provide a way for the public to provide public comment live during the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the staff report and agenda will be available on the City's website at <https://cityofwillits.org/143/Planning-Documents>. To request information or provide comments, please contact **Dusty Duley**, dduley@cityofwillits.org.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: The City Council acting as the Planning Commission will receive a staff presentation, consider public comments and decide to either adopt, not adopt, or modify the IS/MND, and whether to approve, disapprove, or modify the General Plan Amendment and Rezone application.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The City of Willits encourages all interested parties to participate in the Public Hearing and to comment on the issues being discussed. Members of the public may participate and provide public comment as follows:

- Written public comments may be submitted by email to Dusty Duley, dduley@cityofwillits.org or the City Clerk's office, up to 2 hours prior to the meeting start (August 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm). All public comments received will be provided to Commissioners and uploaded to the City's website in advance of the meeting.
- Oral public comments may be accepted either in person at the Council Chamber during the meeting or through the teleconference. To address the Commission during the live meeting and not attending in person, please find the meeting-specific link to the teleconference included on the agenda for the August 12, 2020 City Council meeting that will be posted on the City's website.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the public meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (707) 459-4601. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will assist staff in assuring that reasonable accommodations are made to provide accessibility to the meeting.